



From the Director of Victim Services

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual designation observed in October. This month, we recognize the survivors and victims of abuse across the state whose courage inspires us all. The U.S.

Department of Justice defines domestic violence as “a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner.” Domestic violence impacts individuals in every community regardless of age, race, gender, religion, economic status or educational background; however, women are more likely than men to experience it. It can be emotional, psychological, economic, sexual, and/or physical. On October 2nd staff across the state participated in “**Purple with a Purpose**.” Staff was encouraged to wear purple in observance of domestic violence victims in Tennessee. Inside this issue are some photos from this day.

Tamika Dobbins



October 2019

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Victim Services Mission

To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.

Victim Services Provides:

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

Victim Services Activities:

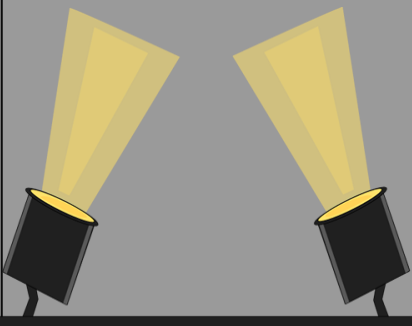
- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

Victims Services Highlights.....



Christa Rogers was recently appointed as the Victim Coordinator for District 41. Christa is originally from Colorado and moved to the South in 2011, to attend Tennessee Wesleyan College on a soccer scholarship. Christa graduated in 2015, with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. She started her career with TDOC in 2016, as a Correctional Officer at Tennessee Prison for Women. She was promoted to a Parole Officer in 2017, and in 2019, promoted to Parole Officer III as the Absconder Coordinator. In her spare time, Christa enjoys exploring the great outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, finding new recipes to whip up in the kitchen and watching her favorite shows/movies on Netflix. As the new victim coordinator for District 41, Christa wants to help victims regain their confidence and provide guidance in any situation they may need, "I want to be someone they can trust and open up to."

Welcome Christa!



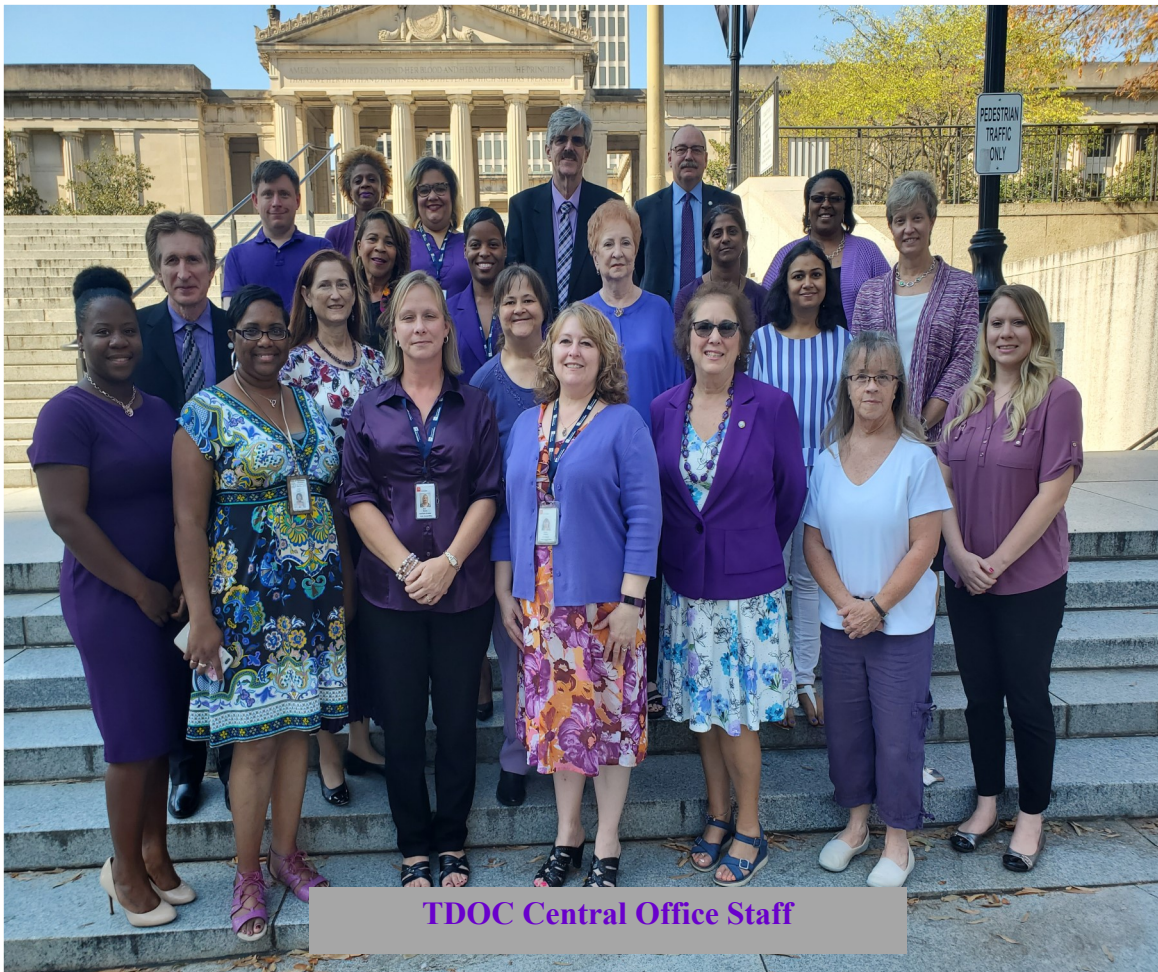
Purple with a Purpose



District 71– Memphis



Attorney General's Office



TDOC Central Office Staff



District 30–Cleveland

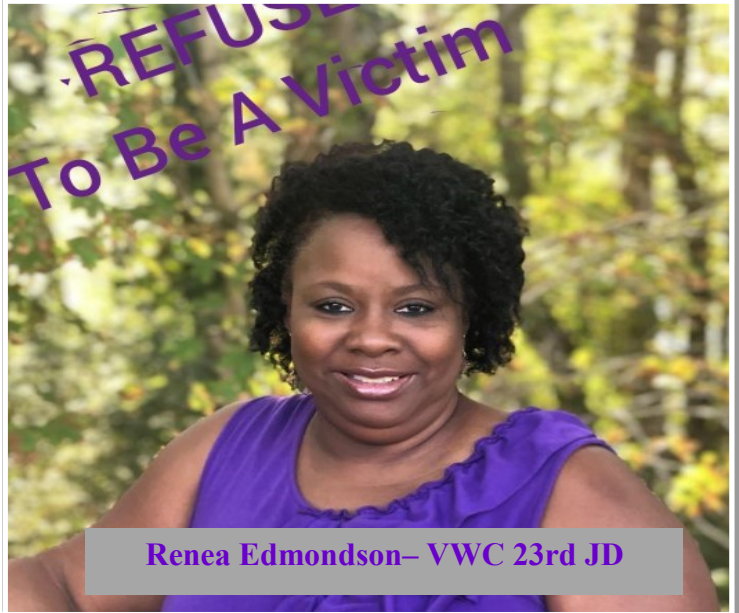


District 30 –Chattanooga

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Renea Edmondson- VWC 23rd JD



District 70-Memphis



Attorney General Victim Liaisons



TPFW Transition Center

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District 40-Nashville



Human Resources



Day Reporting Center-Nashville



Dyersburg Office



Memphis Court Specialist

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WTRC



WTSP



BCCX



TCIX-Main



District 50-Murfreesboro

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District 60-Jackson



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Board of Parole



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Nashville DRC Poster



District 40 Victim Coordinator



Bullying

October is also National Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying is a form of aggressive behavior in which someone intentionally and repeatedly causes another person injury or discomfort. Bullying can take the form of physical contact, words or more subtle actions.

The bullied individual typically has trouble defending him or herself and does nothing to “cause” the bullying. Bullying can happen anywhere. Many children and teens are regular victims of bullying, which can lead to serious emotional scarring and problems with the victim’s self-esteem and self-image.

There are several types of bullying:

- Verbal- This type of bullying usually involves name calling and or teasing
- Social- Spreading rumors, intentionally leaving others out of activities on purpose, breaking up friendships are all examples of social bullying.
- Physical- This traditional form of bullying involves hitting, punching, shoving and other acts of intentional physical harm.
- Cyberbullying- This method of bullying involves using the internet, texting, email and other digital technologies to harm others.

Signs to look for when someone is a victim of bullying:

- Comes home with unexplained injuries or with damaged or missing clothing or other belongings
- Has change in eating habits
- Makes excuses not to go to school
- Avoids certain places or playing outside alone



TDOC Central Office Monthly Stats

Telephone Calls	September
Phone calls Received/Returned	109
Parties Registered for Notifications	124
Harassment/Threats/No Contact	2
Referrals	15
Release/Parole Inquiry	27
Other	66

Notifications	September
Registration	203
Movement	113
Advance Release	493
Final Release *	132
Death	4
Other	29

Announcements



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Save the Date

17th Annual Tennessee Season to Remember

*Thursday December 5, 2019, at
5:30 p.m.*

*First Baptist Church, 108 7th Ave-
nue S. (Broadway)*

Powerfully Thankful

You Have the Power Presents:

8th Annual Powerfully Thankful Event and Auction

November 21, 2019, 5:30-8:00 PM

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Tennessee Voices for Victims

#RememberMovement

**Remember someone or something special by
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you'll also help crime victims continue their
healing journey.**



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